

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Advisory action dated April 14, 2004 and the Office action dated December 11, 2003, and it is respectfully submitted that the application as amended is in condition for allowance. Claims 1 and 13-15 have been amended. Claims 2, 11, 12, 17, and 19 have been canceled.

Claims 3-7, 10, 16, 18 and 20 are allowed.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 11-15, 17, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Selby (U.S. Patent No. 4,876,738) in view of Wells et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,009,497). Claims 1 and 13-15 have been amended. Claims 11, 12, 17, and 19 have been canceled.

Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 2 has been canceled. Therefore, claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 8 and 9 depend from claim 1. Thus, claims 8 and 9 are also in condition for allowance.

Claims 13-15 have been amended to depend from claim 16. Therefore, claims 13-15 are in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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